



# PRESS RELEASE

Riverside Police Department • 4102 Orange ST • Riverside CA 92501

Phone 951.826.5902 • FAX 951.826.5939

INTEGRITY



SERVICE



EXCELLENCE

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 22, 2012

**Contact:** Sgt. Skip Showalter  
Field Operations - Traffic  
(951) 351-6046

### Riverside Police DUI Checkpoint Nets 7 Arrests

The Riverside Police Department conducted a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on Friday, December 21, 2012 (between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m.), as part of Riverside's commitment to public safety. This checkpoint was one of many that have been or will be conducted throughout the year in the City of Riverside. The location of Friday's checkpoint was on Central Avenue at the 91 Freeway. The goal of the DUI Checkpoint was removing unlicensed or impaired drivers and to bring awareness to the public of the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

During the checkpoint, one driver was directed into the screening area due to having a suspended driver's license. While contacting this subject, the vehicle he was driving was discovered to have the wrong license plate attached and determined to be stolen. The subject was arrested and the vehicle was recovered.

RSO/CAL-ID was also on hand to assist with the identification of subjects that did not have a driver's license or official identification. Several were processed at the checkpoint with their assistance to ensure a better means of identification in the future. One subject that lied about his name was fingerprinted and determined to have a felony warrant.

In addition to enforcing traffic laws the Department's personnel assisted families with the proper installation of their child safety seats to ensure the safety of the little ones passing through the checkpoint.

#### Results:

- 1667 vehicles passed through the checkpoint
- 1012 drivers were contacted with 34 being screened
- 5 DUI suspects were arrested
- 1 suspect was arrested for a felony warrant
- 1 suspect was arrested for Grand Theft Auto
- 40 citations were issued
- 7 vehicles were impounded
- 18 unlicensed and suspended drivers were sent to court

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Report Drunk Drivers – Call 9-1-1!

###